Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, during 1999-2000 are given below:—

Brought Forward	Received during 1999-2000	Total	Disposed of	Pending
11912	54693	66605	57258	9347

(c) Pending complaints are at various stages of processing such as calling information from Registrar of Companies and Reserve Bank of India regarding whereabouts of the companies and their Directors, fixing up the matters before the Board, calling compliance reports from the companies, etc.

Increase in Central Government expenditure

5428. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expenditure of Central Government continues to rise at on alarming rate and has assumed dangerous proportion;

(b) if so, the details of trend and percentage rise in expenditure over the last 3 years, sector-wise alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of steps taken to check rising Government expenditure and results achieved; and

(d) the details of fresh initiatives/strategies worked out to control Government expenditure both by the Centraland State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VlKHE PATIL): (a) The expenditure of the Government for the year 2000-01 is budgeted at Rs. 338486 crore as against Rs. 303738 crore in R.E. 1999-2000. The increase in expenditure in 2000-01 is 11.4%.

(b) The trend in expenditure of the Central Government over the last ten years is given in Annexure 3 of Expenditure Budget Vol. 1 2000-01. Reasons for increase in expenditure every year are given in the Budget documents of the relevant years.

(c) It is the endeavour of the Government to contain the growth of expenditure through various austerity measures such as restricting the growth in the size of the Government, reduction in subsidies, reduction in interest rates, etc. Government has been monitoring the fiscal situation continuously. Excluding the expenditure on interest payments, defence, subsidies, salaries and pension, internal-security, etc., the overall growth in other non-plan

expenditure has been restrained. Attention is also drawn to paras 10 & 11 of Finance Minister's speech while presenting the budget for the year 2000-01, wherein numerous steps to contain fiscal deficit proposed to be taken/ being taken by the Government are detailed.

(d) Government has constituted an "Expenditure Reforms Commission' with the mandate to suggest ways and means to reduce Government expenditure.

Changes suggested by 11th Finance Commission in budgeting of State Plans

5429. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsreport appearing in the Lok-Mat Times dated the 27th March,'2000 under the caption Finance panel moots change in plan budgeting.

(b) if so, the details of radical changes suggested by the 11th Finance Commission in budgeting of State plans, restructuring of Government finances and restoration of fiscal health of State, finance;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the recommendations made; and

(d) the details of action taken/proposed to be. taken thereon alongwith the reaction of the State Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Eleventh Finance Commission have stated in their interim report that the scheme of restructuring of State Governments finances to restore the fiscal balance will be suggested in their final report.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Income tax raid on industrial houses

5430. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Income Tax department had raided fertilizer, power, petroleum and other private industrial houses in Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;